


ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH HEREFORD

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Dear All, I have been told that the parish may be a little quieter during August with people away on holiday. But it is always nice to welcome visitors from other parts of the country or the world. The choir will be taking a break during August, but the singing will still go on! Likewise, the children's liturgy will restart in September.

This year the feast of the Transfiguration falls on a Sunday. Some of you may have been to Mount Tabor in Galilee – not too far from Nazareth. It is one of the loveliest places to visit on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The drive to the top can be hair-raising as taxi drivers take the corners at some speed! But the place itself is so peaceful. A large church records the event, but I preferred to sit quietly in the gardens and imagine the moment the beauty and splendour of Jesus was beheld by the apostles.


We can't always be travelling, but we can find a moment to stop and be still, and the presence of the Lord is not something reserved for churches or holy mountains! I like to repeat a line from the psalms, such as "Be still and know that I am God" or think of Elijah who met God not in earthquake or thunder but in the still small voice. If you can't go on holiday, find somewhere beautiful this week to sit and be still. I like to go and sit by the river when I have a chance. We have such beauty on our doorstep! **Fr Brendan.**

Liturgical Calendar August 2023 Year A Psalter week 1

Sat 5th	10.30am	Mass of Our Lady <u>No Confessions today</u>	David Baxter RIP
Sat 5th	Wedding of Joanna Williams & Gareth Noyes at 12.30pm		
Sat 5th	6.00pm	TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	Joe and Ethel Meagher
Sun 6th	8.00am	TRANSFIGURATION	Tom & Kathleen Kinoulty RIP
Sun 6th	10am	TRANSFIGURATION	Parish
Mon 7th	9.30am	Feria	Suffering souls in purgatory (FOSS)
Tue 8th	No public Mass here. St Dominic. Mass at OL at 9.30am		
Wed 9th	1.00pm	ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS. FEAST	Fr Geoffrey Chase OSB
Thu 10th	9.30am	ST LAWRENCE DEACON, MARTYR	Suffering souls in purgatory (FOSS)
Fri 11th	1.00pm	St Clare	Elizabeth Bond
Sat 12th	10.30am	St Jane Frances de Chantal	Holy Souls
Sat 12th	11.00am Confessions and Adoration		
Sat 12th	6.00pm	19TH SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME	Holy Souls
Sun 13th	8.00am	19TH SUNDAY	Bill & Kathleen Kennedy RIP
Sun 13th	10.00am	19TH SUNDAY	Parish




"When we sing we pray twice!"
This Thursday 6.00pm is an open invitation to Anyone who would like to come and join in with our singing.




Parish SVP Group Raffle
Tickets will be on sale this weekend after all the masses.
Thank you for your support.

Wedding News Congratulations to **Joanna Williams & Gareth Noyes** who were married here at SFX on Saturday 5th August. We wish them a long, happy and holy marriage.




Remembrance
Joshua Ibanez, Christina Turville, Michael Wilkins, Martin Treanor, Paul Prout, Thomas Conn.
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.



Prayer for the Sick:
Ania Kuzba, Joan Colley, Jan Beavan, Malcolm Darke, Robbie Bell, Meg Furber, Ann Currie, Midad Jasari, David Madgen, Lynne Howells, Christina James, Nicola Merrick, Martin O'Connor, Patricia Moroney, Fr Keith, Mary Elizabeth, George Mecina, Ana Rudnicki, Sue Forder, Ausura Chukarov, Margaret Skelding,


World Youth Day SFX Pilgrims in Fatima



The story of Fatima begins in Portugal where the Virgin Mary appeared six times in 1917 to three children and is an ongoing story. Many millions of pilgrims have visited the site since that time and there have been many miracles. The call to repentance and the praying of the Rosary were requested by the "Lady of the Rosary" who identified herself to Lucia the eldest of the children. Also, she requested that the whole world be consecrated to her Immaculate Heart and warned that the errors of Russia would spread and cause great conflict. World War Two followed within a few short years. The so-called Third Secret of Fatima was that a bishop in white would be struck down. St John Paul was shot in St. Peter's Square on the feast day of Our Lady of Fatima, 13th May, the anniversary of the first apparition in 1917. He credited his survival to the protecting hand of our Lady of Fatima and the bullet that was fired at him that day now rests with the statue of Our Lady in Fatima in a small hole at the top of her crown which was found to be just the right size, "A God-incidence!"

What is the important message of Fatima?
Perhaps the most well known utterance of Our Lady at Fatima was her declaration that "My Immaculate Heart will triumph". Pope Benedict XV1 has interpreted this utterance as follows: "The Heart open to God, purified by contemplation of God, is stronger than guns and weapons of every kind. The fiat of Mary, the word of her heart, has changed the history of the world, because it brought the Saviour into the world—because, thanks to her Yes, God could become man in our world and remains so for all time. The message of Fatima invites us, especially in these troubled times, to trust in this promise." Pope Francis has addressed pilgrims calling WYD a source of hope urging young and old to forge bonds and calling on politicians to invest in families and in children, and decrying the "empty cradles" in Europe. Our young pilgrims visiting Fatima as part of World Youth Day remind us that the message is of great relevance still to us today.

Opposite is the candle, for our intentions, which our WYD pilgrims placed at the altar for us at Mass in Fatima.




Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Ministers of the Word
6pm AN Other Ancy Shajan	6pm Philip Dixon
8am Frances Hetterley Cecilia Balestra	8am Dorothy Kennedy
10am Mary Cook Gerald Okafor Moses Obanimoh	10am Andy Milne

**St Francis Xavier's Parish
Summer BBQ**


Sunday 27th August 2023 11.30 am

Adult Ticket £8, Child £3, Family £20. Includes Burger, Hot Dog, from our local butcher! Salads and Glass of Wine /Soft Drink. Bring your own drink; more wine and soft drinks also on sale.

Please pre-order your ticket on sign-up sheet. Tickets on sale after Masses from 12th August




We can't be in Lisbon with Pope Francis and the million World Youth Day pilgrims but...



We can be on pilgrimage to visit and pray with the other pilgrims at the grave of our very own Saint John Kemble in the graveyard at Welsh Newton.


Sunday 20th August.
10.15 am pilgrims will be walking from Monmouth to Welsh Newton or meet at John Kemble's grave at 3 pm. Benediction at St Mary's Catholic Church Monmouth at 4 pm followed by tea in the garden. **If you need a lift for this (or Mass on 15th, see below) please contact the parish office 01432 273485**



Can you name this Catholic Church in Hereford?
On Tuesday 15th you can not only visit but also attend Mass. Mass is at 2.30pm.

Rotherwas was the chapel of the Roman Catholic Bodenham family. The originally simple medieval building has a fine Elizabethan timber roof, a rebuilt 18th century tower, and striking Victorian interior decoration and furnishings by the Pugins. Well worth a visit.
In Chapel Road, Rotherwas, Hereford HR2 6LD.

Tea, Coffee and Cake Everyone is invited to come along to the Parish Hall after the 10.00am Mass. All welcome.



Collections for 29th/30th July

1st Collection £584.8
2nd Collection £323.80




Parish Calendar - August

Thur 10th	6.00pm	Singing Practice
Tues 15th	2.30pm	Rotherwas Chapel Mass
Sun 20th	3.30pm	St John Kemble Pilgrimage
Sun 27th	11.30am	Parish BBQ